

SANCTUARY WHALE TALES

Maui 's Volunteer Newsletter



Volunteer Appreciation Night

Written by: Al Bayless and Others

The volunteer appreciation night, held on May25, was themed "Casino Night." The Sanctuary conference room looked like a real casino with such great decorations and many real blackjack tables borrowed and set up by Ka'au and Steve. The staff decorated and provided all the tasty food and beverages.

A delicious buffet dinner was served, and following that most of us proceeded to the blackjack tables where the Sanctuary staff acted as dealers. Each volunteer was given \$3,000 in cold, hard cash. Well, play money actually. Players started off cautiously, betting a few \$25 chips at first. But, as the evening progressed, larger bets of several hundred dollars were common. There were winners and losers, of course, but the losers were floated "loans" to keep them in the action. The overall top winner at the end of the exciting night was Joyce Judy who won \$32,400. Joyce said, "I loved the Casino Night. I had no idea that I was such a gambler and loved it. However, I must admit playing with play money and real chips really gave me the incentive to go for it!!

Al Bayless was the next high roller with a win of \$22,500. Al's comment, "Blackjack - yes! I had never really played the game before, but Ka'au was wonderful as the dealer at our table. He made it fun even as I lost the first ten hands. But then what a comeback I had, ending up several thousand dollars ahead!" Other big winners were Steve Downey with \$21,000, Judy Lauridsen with \$17,800 and Dorothy Ghylin Bennett with \$17,000. Too bad it wasn't real money! Everyone had a great time! It was lots of fun."



The big winner, Joyce Judy, is in pink.



Jerry Stowell makes his bet.

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Cultural Corner

Wrapped Rocks? Stacked Rocks?

What is this about? I see wrapped and stacked rocks on the trail while I'm hiking in the lava field. Is this some kind of Hawaiian cultural thing? The practice of wrapping or stacking rocks is often done by people who do not understand the Hawaiian cultural meaning behind ho'okupu which is the Hawaiian word for tribute, tax, ceremonial gift giving to a chief as a sign of honor and respect; to pay such a tribute. (Pukui, Mary Kawena, Samuel H. Elbert. Hawaiian Dictionary. UH Press, Honolulu. 1986.)

As a sign of respect, or permission to enter and area, Hawaiians might offer an appropriate gift. This gift might take the form of a food offering, a plant or a song or chant. A gift might be left for a Hawaiian entity at an altar. When we see piled and wrapped rocks, that is not an offering given with its original intent. A Hawaiian would not pick up a rock or a piece of coral from the ground and stack or wrap it as a gift. Would you actually consider a rock an offering or a gift?

The best way for us to show respect and our thankfulness for the land is to have a quiet contemplative demeanor, leave the area undisturbed by not moving, taking or leaving anything behind and by staying off the rock formations that may be a sacred place or the remains of one. Piled rocks (pohaku tower), a wrapped rock (pohaku laulau) or coral vandalism is not showing respect for the 'aina. It is more like graffiti and should be avoided.

Here are links to two very good websites that explain this in a way that may help you understand the background and the proper ways to show respect for the land.

http://www.kaahelehawaii.com/pages/culture_hookupu.htm

<http://www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/hawaiian/KHaili/hookupu.htm>



Getting to Know You



Connie Kent - Since moving to Haiku, I do water quality testing weekly and occasional upcountry school groups. I also attend Volunteer Council meetings and do the minutes.



Robyn Walters - I like to do water quality monitoring, to talk with visitors in the Visitors Center, and to give the 45-Ton Whale Talks. I am on the Volunteer Council and lead the water quality program.

All volunteers, please, schedule volunteer time with your points of contact only, unless there are extenuating circumstances. We have been getting some double bookings in the Visitor Center because people are either just showing up, or are making arrangements with people other than Laura

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Al Bayless in the Visitor Center using the iPad to process a credit card sale.

Yellow Tang

Zebrasoma flavescens

The bright Yellow Tang can be seen in good numbers in our protected areas such as the Natural Area Reserve at Ahihi Kina'u. A few can be seen at other beach areas but not in great numbers because they are hardy in fish tanks and many have been "fished out" by aquarium fishers. This is a surgeon fish. The name "surgeonfish" and "tang" are often used interchangeably.



New Tools for the Visitor Center

By Lynette Poncin

If you come into the Visitor Center, learn what is available on the Apple TV. Apple TV is a small form factor network appliance designed to play digital content originating from the iTunes Store, Netflix, YouTube, and others. We will eventually be able to view movies and pictures taken by Ed Lyman. Mac OS & Windows computers running iTunes can "Airplay" onto an enhanced-definition or high-definition widescreen television.. We will be showing a demo at the June 20th Volunteer Night.

Another new tool is the iPad. Many of you are already using these as readers or replacements for laptops, but if you are not, now is the time to learn about these.

The iPads can also be used to connect to YouTube to show Whale Feeding clips and other interesting clips about Humpbacks, Monk Seals and Turtles.

The main reason the first one was donated to the Visitor Center was to enable the use of Credit Card processing for the sale of T Shirts and other items we may carry. The first iPad is WiFi only. A second iPad will be added in August that will be taken to Outreach events where we can sell our shirts or take donations. The 2nd iPad has 3G which works with ATT cell sites. That means it does not have to connect to WiFi but can make a call similar to using a cell phone. It can be used at the Visitor Center the rest of the time.

If you want one on one training on how to use either of these new tools,

Contact lynetteponcin@mac.com

Yard Sale and Bake Sale

We will be holding a Bake Sale and Garage Sale on October 6, 2012 at the Sanctuary. Please start saving goods to donate for the sale. We will be able to store them in the old visitor's center building after labor Day. This early notice is to allow time for you to collect items. Please help. Mahalo

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New Volunteer Night

Our introductory meeting for prospective new volunteers was held on May 29. It was very informative and well attended. We will be holding this type of meeting again to encourage more people, both locals and part-time residents, to become trained volunteers. This meeting was quite successful as we have attracted several new people to join us and some have even completed the required training to become qualified volunteers. If you know people who might be interested in becoming Sanctuary volunteers, encourage them to come in and sign up. This last meeting was recorded and the new people with interest can view the DVD and start the volunteer process. They should see Nancy Daschbach if interested.



Staff and some volunteers gave information on what our mission is and how we work. Then, there was a chance for the prospective volunteers to visit tables manned by volunteers telling about their areas of interest.



Lynette Poncin shared Foundation information.



Robyn Walters shared information about Water Quality Studies that are done weekly in several areas of South Maui. Many of the new volunteers expressed interest in working in this area.

This newsletter is written for the volunteers by the volunteers. If you have photos or an article you would like to see in the newsletter, please email them to FloB2@aol.com. We are also in need of someone to work on layout, attending events with the idea of writing an article about the event. Someone is needed to write the **Cultural Corner** and the section on fish or other wildlife. Please email your face photo so it can be included in the **Getting to Know You** column. There is only one more picture on file so they are needed immediately.

Thank you!

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South Maui

*Hawaiian Islands Humpback
Whale National Marine Sanctuary
726 South Kihei Road,*

West Maui

*Whaler Village Shopping Center
Whalers Museum
2435 Ka'anapali Parkway*

July 2012

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